

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0996-01  
Bill No.: HB 547  
Subject: Public Assistance; Social Services Department  
Type: Original  
Date: February 9, 2015

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Bill Summary: This proposal changes the laws regarding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Revenue	Unknown to (Unknown)	Unknown to (Unknown)	Unknown to (Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>Unknown to (Unknown)</b>	<b>Unknown to (Unknown)</b>	<b>Unknown to (Unknown)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Federal*	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\* Unknown income, savings, costs, and losses net to \$0.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☒ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

**Oversight** was unable to receive agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval of the chairperson of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to publish a new fiscal note.

**Oversight** is unable to determine a potential fiscal impact for this proposal. However, because the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is 100 % federally funded, Oversight assumes any savings resulting from not applying for or renewing any waiver of the requirements established under 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(o) would accrue to the federal government and not have a significant impact on State funds.

Oversight is unable to determine whether the impact of other provisions of the proposal would have a positive or negative impact on the state. Therefore, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight is presenting unknown savings to unknown costs for the General Revenue Fund and Federal Funds.

<b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u></b>	<b>FY 2016 (10 Mo.)</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b><u>Savings - DSS</u></b>			
Reduction in administrative costs	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<b><u>Costs - DSS</u></b>			
Increase in administrative costs	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>Unknown to (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>Unknown to (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>Unknown to (Unknown)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<u>Savings/Losses - DSS</u>			
Increase/reduction in program expenditures/income	(Unknown) to Unknown	(Unknown) to Unknown	(Unknown) to Unknown
<u>Income/Costs - DSS</u>			
Increase/reduction in program expenditures/income	<u>(Unknown) to Unknown</u>	<u>(Unknown) to Unknown</u>	<u>(Unknown) to Unknown</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2017	 FY 2018
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal prohibits the Department of Social Services from seeking, applying for, accepting, or renewing any waiver of requirements established under 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(o) regarding eligibility for participation in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

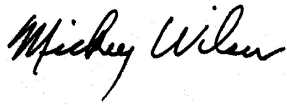
Any benefit other than cash assistance must not be considered a benefit granting categorical eligibility for SNAP under 7 U.S.C. Section 2014(a).

The gross income standards of SNAP must not exceed the standards specified in 7 U.S.C. Section 2014(c), and the resource limit standards of SNAP must not exceed the standards specified in 7 U.S.C. Section 2014(g)(1). Any benefit other than cash assistance must not be considered a benefit exempting households from the resource limits under 7 U.S.C. Section 2014(j).

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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